



Proclamation

Presented to

Fred W. Ballard

WHEREAS, Fred Ballard enlisted in the Naval Reserve in 1955 following graduation from Van Nuys High School, Van Nuys, California and then reported for two years active duty with the U.S. Navy and culminated at the end of a 22 years career; and

WHEREAS, Fred Ballard served on the USS Philippine Sea (CVS 47) homeport in Long Beach, CA, and his subsequent duty stations were Commander Naval Air Force U.S. Pacific Fleet, Patrol Squadron 42; USS Persistent (MSO 491) including one deployment to Vietnam; Naval Recruiting Station, Los Angeles, CA; USS Winston (LKA 94) including one deployment to Vietnam; USS Joseph Strauss (DDG 16) including two deployments to Vietnam Career Counselor and Commodore's Writer for Commander Naval Surface Group, Middle Pacific; and

WHEREAS, Fred Ballard became involved with the Fleet Reserve Association (FRA), Pearl Harbor Branch 46 in 1975 while still on active duty with the U.S. Navy and accepted a volunteer position as Secretary and Treasurer for the USS Arizona Memorial Museum Foundation and held those positions until retirement as Chief Yeoman from the Navy in 1977; and

WHEREAS, Fred Ballard upon his retirement relocated to Oceano, California and worked for the police department in Grover Beach as a dispatch and records supervisor for eight years and owned a small business in Pismo Beach for eight years; then returned to Hawai'i in 1992 to accept a position as Executive Director for Branch 46, FRA until December 1999, a position which involved overseeing day-to-day operations of the branch, enterprise and lounge activities; and

WHEREAS, Fred Ballard was employed by the Veterans Affairs Pacific Island Health Care System (VA PIHCS) as Public Affairs Officer since early 2000; and

WHEREAS, Fred Ballard became a Board Member for the Pacific Historic Parks (formerly USS Arizona Memorial Assn.) and has been involved in fundraising efforts to build a new Pearl Harbor Visitor Center which was dedicated on December 7, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Fred Ballard has volunteered with several veteran organizations including the FRA and Vietnam Veterans, and for 10 years was Secretary of the O'ahu Veterans Council. Along with his wife, Sandy, Fred chaired the building committee overseeing the construction of the O'ahu Veterans Center in Foster Village, which was opened on December 5, 2005; and

THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and **I, BRIAN SCHATZ**, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim February 13, 2011, as

"Fred W. Ballard Day"

in Hawai'i, and ask that all citizens of the Aloha State join us to paying tribute to a great American and recognizing his contributions to our State and our Nation.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this tenth day of February 2011.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

BRIAN SCHATZ
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i

